Boys Hostel

An incomplete proposal for construction of one Boys Hostel at Babu Jagjivan Ram Pratisthan, Idar, Sabarkantha was received from the Government of Gujarat during 2005-06. Necessary documents are awaited from the Government of Gujarat.

Registration of NGOs

2081. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to State:

(a) the number of letters received from VIPs/NGOs/Welfare Associations for registration between 1st August, 2004 to date;

(b) the number of requests considered and those rejected;

(c) the names of SC/ST and Physically Handicapped Welfare Associations from whom requests were received between 29th December, 2004 to date;

(d) the details of action taken and reply sent to the concerned; and

(e) by when action on remaining will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) This Ministry releases grants in aid to the NGOs to implement schemes/programmes for welfare of Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, persons with disabilities, elderly persons and victims of alcoholism and substance abuse. However, no system is in vogue for registration of NGOs.

Status of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation

2082. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation under the administrative control of her Ministry;

(b) the details of present activities of the foundation;

(c) the present status of National Memorial of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at New Delhi; and

(d) the reasons due to which things are moving at very slow speed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Dr. Ambedkar Foundation is a Registered Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

(b) The details are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) and (d) The Museum at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi consists of two galleries. The endeavour of the Foundation is to augment the collections and belongings of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, for which an 'Appeal' has also been made through newspapers.

Statement

The details of present activities of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation

The important schemes and programmes implemented by the Foundation are as under:

* Maintenance of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Memorial at 26, Alipur Road, New Delhi.
* Setting up of Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library at Janpath, New Delhi.
* Dr. Ambedkar National Award for Social Understanding and Upliftment of Weaker Sections.
* Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change.
* Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in Universities/Institutions for carrying out research on the thoughts and ideology of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
* Publication of the Collected Works of Babasaheb into Hindi and other regional languages.
* Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Scholarship Scheme to Meritorious Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe students.
* Organisation of seminars, symposia, conferences, workshops, lectures, exhibitions and fairs on the life and mission of Dr. Ambedkar.

* Celebration of Birth Anniversary and Mahaparinirwan Diwas, of Dr. Ambedkar on 14th April and 6th December respectively every year.
* Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme.
* Dr. Ambedkar Samajik Samta Kendra Yojna.
* Celebrations of Birth Anniversaries of Great Saints.
* Publication of a monthly magazine "Samajik Nyaya Sandesh".

Utilization of funds for schemes for SC/ST students

2083. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government failed to ensure total utilization of funds under the scheme of Coaching and Allied for SC/ST students which was intended to compete with those coming from socially and economically advantageous sections;

(b) whether in 2002-03 only Rs. 5.50 crore out of Rs. 10 crores and Rs. 2.39 crore out of Rs. 8 crore in 2005-06 have been spent;

(c) whether in the Tenth Five Year Plan, out of Rs. 346.50 crore only Rs. 40 crore has been spent so far; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons and action taken against the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d):

SC Students

Central assistance to States during a particular year depends on the proposals received from eligible Field Implementing Agencies (FIAs) i.e. State Governments, Universities and NGOs. In 2002-03, an amount of Rs. 5.47 crores was released to the Field Implementation Agencies (FIAs) against Revised Estimates (RE) of Rs. 5.60 crores and during the year 2005-06, Rs. 2.54 crores was released out of the Revised Estimates (RE) of Rs. 8.00 crores under the scheme. The 10th Plan outlay for the scheme was Rs. 60.00 crores, out of which an amount of Rs. 16.89 crores has been released to the FIAs upto 31.03.2006.